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The Opium Law.

At the Supremo Court in banco on Thursday, April 7th, argument was made in the habeas corpus case of Manuel Brito, a Portuguese, con victed before Justice Dayton of hav ing opium in possession under the celebrated Opium Act. Mr. W. A. Kinney appeared for Britto, Mr. F. Hatch for the Government. Lt. A. de Souza Canavarro, Commissioner for the Kingdom of Portugal was

Mr. Kinney stated that his client was unlawfully deprived of his liberty inasmuch as the penalty provided for by section 4 of the Act, which penalty had been imposed upon his client, was applicable only to the licensee. Section 3 specifies what the holder of the license shall do; and section 4 enacts that if any person acts contrary to the provisions of section 3, certain penalties shall follow. No person, however, other than the licensee could violate section 3, therefore the penalty under section 4 could not lawfully apply to any other person. His client did not hold the opium license, and therefore could not be convicted of having opium in possession contrary to the provisions of section 4. This was a penal statute and should be strictly construed. It was not the function of the Court to put an interpretation on a statute other than that which its words conveyed. If by reason of its contradictions and other defects the Court could not make it operative. He cited cases at considerable length in support of this proposition, but proceeded to say that he did not wish to attack the law as a whole. He knew that there were large property interests in the license. and he did not seek to assail the law any further than as far as the interests of his own client were concerned. His contention was that there was no penalty provided by the statute for the offense of which his client had been convicted. He was unlawfully detained in custody and was entitled to his discharge. Mr. Hatch contended that the

language and intent of the statute were clear enough. It was not necessary to follow the counsel through the cases cited by him as these were not applicable. The possession of opium without a license or a medical certificate authorizing its use was an offense under the statute for which certain penalties were provided. In this case a conviction was had in the Police Court for that offense, and the minimum penalty had been imposed. This law was primarily enacted for revenue purposes and therefore being a fiscal measure, the strict rule of construction in purely penal statutes was not applicable.

The case was taken under advise-

#### A HUNGARIAN HERO.

Seeing his Mother, Sister and Fiancee shot rather than betray his country.

A Paris correspondent of the New York Graphic writes: There has just died in an insane asylum at Buda-Pesth a man whose story recalls one of the most terrible episodes of the struggles of Hungarian independence in 1848.

Ferencz Renyi was a schoolmaster, and at that time was about 27 years of age. He was high spirited, lively kind-hearted, and the idol of his pupils. He was quite expert at playing the fiddle, and his services were much sought after by the young people of his native village to enliven their fetes. He could also sing, and many of his songs were of a highly patriotic character.

The young man lived with his mother and sister, but was engaged to a charming young girl, and soon expected to be married. Just then the Hungarian Government, having proclaimed its independence, called for volunteers. Renyi offered him self, and was accepted.

One day, after having fought like a lion at the head of a detachment he was made prisoner by the Austrians. Led before the notorious General Haynan, Renyi refused to disclose the position of the main body of the Hungarian army. Hyman, however, was not to be foiled in his quest for information, and to accomplish his his end resorted to one of the most barbarous acts that has sullied the records of modern warfare. Finding, on inquiry, that his prisoner was a native of a neighboring village, and that he had a mother and sister, he ordered the latter to be arrested and brought to his headquarters. They were then confronted with the unfortunate young man.

"If you want the lives of these women spared," Haynan then said to him, "you will give me the information I have asked for."

Renyi made no reply. He trembled violently, however, and his eyes filled with tears, but he did not

yield. "Don't speak, my son," cried his aged mother; "do your duty without reference to me; I have at most but a short time to live."

And the young girl added:

"If you betray your country your name will be tarnished, and what should I do without my honor! Don't speak, Ferencz. Be calm; I shall die

Renyi continued silent. In a few shot dead by order of the brute in Stationer --- Newsdealer moments the two heroic women were a general's uniform.

Still another test remained, and Hynan did not hesitate to apply it. He had Renyi's fiancee brought before him, and threatened her with a similar fate. The latter was afraid to die. On hearing what would hap pen to her if her lover did not yield she threw herself on her knees and

besought him to save her.
"Speak, Ferencz," she cried. "See, I am young, I love you—don't let them kill me. By speaking you will them kill me. By speaking you will BOOK AND JOB WORK OF save yourself as well as me, and when B descriptions executed at GAZETTE UPPICE.

we are free we shall go far away from here and be happy. Speak, my be-

loved, and save thy wife."

And she seized Renyi's hands and wrung them with the energy of a drowning man grasping a straw.

Renyi was convulsed by his overpowering emotion. Suddenly he shoved his fiancee from him and turned away. Again the wretched girl pleaded with him, but the lover was silent. Then the soldiers seized

"Accursed one!" she exclaimed, "my curses rest upon the. Thou art my murderer!"

When the horrible scene was ended Renyi was taken back to the apartment where he was confined, but as it was discovered that the poor fellow had lost his reason in undergoing the terrible ordeal to which he had been subjected, his captors allowed him to live after they had robbed him of all that made life tolerable. Over his grave Hungary should erect its grandest monument, though doubtless he has already found an imperishable one in the hearts of his countrymen.

#### The Latest From Ireland.

London, March 28th .- In the House of Commons, Dillon, in reply to Bal-four, said that this Coercion bill would never pass into a law. He be lieved that if the people of England were capable of sanctioning the measit be inoperative, in whole or in part, ure he wanted to give up forever the hope of seeing the Irish and English shake hands. The Irish people would be slaves indeed, if they submitted to it. Either he would leave a country where no Irishman could live unless he lived like a slave, or, if the people were willing, he would be proud and happy to lead them to battle. If this Coercion bill passed, neither the Land Purchase bill nor any other Irish measure would live to be applied at the hands of the English Parliament.

A conference of Liberal Unionists will be held at the Devonshire House on Thursday to consider the Coercion bill. Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain will give a thorough support to the whole of the proposals. The threatened defection of Unionists will probably not exceed ten votes, leaving the Government still with a majority.

The Parnellites held an informal meeting and united in denouncing what they termed the atrocious character of the Coercion bill. The measure they said, conceal under its provisions, powers for the extinction of the liberties of the press, public meetings, free speech, and all individual rights.

Lord Hartington is about to issue a manifesto through the new Unionist paper. In it he says: "We are confronted at the present moment with a more acute form of the problem in Ireland than has ever been presented in past days. The difficulties of the problem have been intensified by the action of the Liberals, who have made a change of front unparalled in completeness and rapidity, and adopted a policy to avoid their enemies. Their action has stimulated the courage and hope of the Separa-

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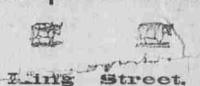
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